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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE LIKELY TO SUPPORT USG ON UN SCALES OF
ASSESSMENT REFORM

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¶1. (C) IN THE COURSE OF A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON
ANOTHER MATTER DECEMBER 7 WITH THE ZIMBABWEAN PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, TICHAONA JOKONYA,
I LEARNED THAT ZIMBABWE WOULD SUPPORT THE USG POSITION
ON UN SCALES OF REFORM. THE SENIOR ZIMBABWEAN DIPLOMAT
CLAIMED THAT HE HAD AUTONOMY TO VOTE AS HE PLEASSED. HE
CONTINUED THAT ON MORE ORDINARY MATTERS ZIMBABWE FOLLOWS
THE G-77 OR NONALIGNED MOVEMENT. HOWEVER, ON IMPORTANT
QUESTIONS, SUCH AS UN SCALES OF ASSESSMENT REFORM, THE
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES IS THE MOST
IMPORTANT FACTOR. JOKONYA EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD CONSULTED
WITH THE NAMIBIANS, WHO STILL HOLDS A SECURITY COUNCIL
SEAT FOR THE AFRICAN BLOC, AND REPORTED THAT NAMIBIA TOO
WOULD SUPPORT THE USG POSITION.

¶2. (C) COMMENT: I HAVE FOUND JOKONYA TO BE A RELIABLE
INTERLOCUTOR IN THE PAST. HIS SANGUINE ASSURANCES WOULD
APPEAR TO RUN COUNTER TO WHAT HIS HEADQUARTERS THINKS,
HOWEVER. IT AIN'T OVER TILL THE FAT LADY SINGS, AND I
HOPE THIS ONE WILL PUT ON A VIRTUOSO PERFORMANCE FOR OUR
EARS WHEN THE TIME COMES. END COMMENT.

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